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MEMORANDUM TO: CHIEF, [REDACTED]  
FROM : SAFE TECHNICIAN, [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT : VISIT TO BUREAU OF STANDARDS TO VIEW A TESTED HILLSIDE CLASS V CABINET

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On the 11th of December 1969 I accompanied Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] from the Physical Sec. Division to inspect a Class V Hillside cabinet which turned out to be the one that was submitted for testing for acceptance, by Hillside metal products of Newark, N.J. The unit was apparently tested by a Mr. Williard (now deceased). Upon close examination of this cabinet, which was a 5 drawer Class V, it was found that the type of drawer suspensions used in this test model were not the same as those drawer suspensions which came equipped on the Class V Hillside Cabinets which were delivered to our [REDACTED] of which 5 were trans-shipped here to [REDACTED]. We were also invited to look at a Hillside Class 6 cabinet while we were there and after close examination of this Class 6 cabinet it was quite apparent that the suspensions delivered with our Class V's from Hillside were identical to the suspensions on the Class 6 Hillside. ~~was identical~~  
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It was the consensus of Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and myself that we should ask GSA to run a cycle test on one of our cabinets here at [REDACTED] to see whether or not the suspensions we had delivered with our Hillside Class V's will hold up. Mr. Bland and Mr. Harold of GSA agreed to run this test and it was at this point that we terminated our visit and returned to our respective buildings.

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Since it is not possible for me to preclude whether or not the difference in the type of suspension between the Class V submitted for test and those delivered to us was intentional or accidental it casts a shadow of doubt in my mind as to whether or not the cabinet originally delivered to Mr. Williard at the Bureau of Standards is of the same specifications as the Class V cabinet delivered to our Agency.

According to Mr. [REDACTED] of our Physical Security Division it is practically impossible to procure any written reports on the results of the testing by Mr. Williard of the Bureau on the Hillside Class V cabinet. It is only SOP that whenever a cabinet submitted for test fails and the manufacturer insists on a written report is it customary to produce such a report of the results.

RECOMMENDATION: That we request GSA to run the cycle test and possibly a re-testing of the Class V Hillside Cabinet as a whole.

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